

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OGDEN RIVER WATER RIGHTS' ASSOCIATION WITH UTAH
STATE ENGINEER AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES, HELD JANUARY 12, 1965, AT 4 P.M., IN
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARD ROOM, OGDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Present were:

Wayne D. Criddle, Utah State Engineer
Donald G. Norseth, Distribution Engineer
Earl Staker, State Engineer Office
Frank Reese, State Engineer Office
Richard Pexton, State Engineer office

E. H. Southwick, Chairman, Ogden River Water Rights Association
E. J. Fjeldsted, Secretary, Ogden River Water Rights Association
James N. Randall, Western Irrigation Co.
Horace Rhees, North Ogden Irrigation Co.
J. Floyd Barnett, Ogden River Commissioner
Clarence Smith, Huntsville Irrigation Co.
✓ Larry Stoker, Huntsville Mountain Canal
✓ Loren Hardy, Huntsville Mountain Canal
✓ H. C. Barker, First Mound Fort Ditch Co.
Charles L. Heslop, Plain City Irrigation Co.
✓ Wm. J. Smout, North Slaterville Irrigation Company
✓ A. P. Spencer, Perry Irrigation Company
✓ Harvey H. Stone, Bertinoti Irrigation Co.
✓ Norman Youngman, Lynn Irrigation Company
✓ A. J. Robson, Plain City Irrigation Company
Mr. Gnahn, Visitor From Turkey

Mr. Don Norseth, Distribution Engineer, presided.

Secretary Fjeldsted read the call of the meeting to the Ogden River Water Users to meet in the County Courthouse at 4 p.m. This call is of record in the Rights Association file.

The minutes of the 1964 annual meeting with the State Engineer was read by Secretary Fjeldsted.

The Financial Report of the Ogden River Water Rights Assoc. for the year ending December 31, 1964 was presented by Secretary Fjeldsted.

Mr. Norseth introduced State Engineer Wayne D. Criddle, who reported on behalf of the State Engineer's office the fine cooperation between the water users association and the State Engineer's office. He informed the group that the State Engineer's Office is responsible for distribution of the state water and for the employment and direction of the state distributing commissioners. However, the responsibility of determining the budget rests with the water users group, as such, and their budget and recommendations to the State Engineer, when adopted by that office, be-

come the operating budget for the year and assessments are made and collected by the State Engineer's Office, based on those budgets.

Mr. Griddle explained the workings of the water commissioners and their close association with the water user. Generally speaking the relationship has been valuable and worth while.

Following this report Mr. Norseth turned the meeting over to Chairman Southwick of the Ogden River Water Rights Association.

Mr. Southwick expressed his appreciation for the number in attendance at the annual hearing before the State Engineer and urged everyone interested to participate in the general discussions revolving around the budget for the coming year, the recommended employment of a water commissioner and any other matters that seem pertinent.

He explained in some detail problems confronting the State Engineer regarding a determination by the U.S.G.S. that certain gaging stations in the Ogden River water production areas be discontinued so far as financial support from the U.S.G.S. The State Engineer requested that the water users make recommendations to the State Engineer if they wish any of these stations to continue to function as an administration of water resources through the river commissioner. Chairman Southwick stated that at the annual meeting of the directors of the Rights Committee, held at noon this date, determinations were made which he officially recommended to the State Engineer regarding continued operation of any or all of these stations as follows: (1) Continued operation of the two stations in the South Fork area throughout the irrigation season 1965, running from April to and through September, (2) Operate the Spring Creek station during the entire six month irrigation season, (3) operate the middle Fork and North Fork Stations for 3 months - April, May and June. For this added service, allow the Ogden River Commissioner \$10 per month for each station, making a maximum total of \$240, annually. In the event the commissioner, in consultation with the Chairman of the Rights Committee, determines during the year that any of these stations are not of value in the distribution of water such stations will be discontinued and the respective monthly allowance would not be paid to the River Commissioner. Such changes will be immediately conveyed to the State Engineer by the Chairman of the Rights Committee.

Chairman Southwick then recommended that the following budget be approved and in order to raise the necessary funds to cover this budget, the State Engineer's Office be requested to assess the users for \$4,500.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1965

Commissioner's salary *	\$2,940.00
Matching Social Security ***	\$8.73
Retirement ***	109.00
Travel Expenses *	600.00
Bonds and insurance premiums ***	50.00
Miscellaneous expense	75.00
Water Users' committee expense **	475.00
Commissioner's annual report	<u>150.00</u>
Total proposed 1965 budget	\$4,576.00

* Commissioner's salary & expenses:

Month	Salary	Expense
April	\$450	10
May	450	100
June	450	100
July	450	120
August	450	120
Sept.	450	120
Oct.	225	50
	<u>\$2,700</u>	<u>\$700</u>

Plus \$10 per month for reading each of the following gaging stations: 2 stations on South Fork (6 mos.) \$120.00
 1 station - Spring Creek (6 mos.) 60.00
 1 station - Middle Fork and North Fork (April, May & June) 60.00
\$240.00

** Water Users' Committee Expenses:

Legal Counsel	\$200.00
Office Expense	25.00
Committee Expense	<u>250.00</u>
	\$475.00

*** The additional funds necessary for matching social security, retirement, bonds and insurance premiums be added to this budget and the excess over the \$4,500 to be assessed by the State Engineer, and requested to be transferred from the State Engineer's Office Ogden River Water Distribution account to satisfy the difference.

Any funds required to purchase necessary suitable equipment for use by the Commissioner will be supplied through the Association's account.

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Southwick, a motion was made by Director Heslop and seconded by Director Rhoads and passed, that the 1965 budget, as submitted by the Chairman, and employment of Floyd Barnett as Commissioner for the Ogden River System be approved and accepted by the Rights Association, and that these determinations be recommended to the State Engineer.

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Mr. Norsoth observed the State Engineer's office would accept this budget proposal and the employment of Floyd Barnett as Commissioner for 1965. He stated that Mr. Barnett had done an outstanding service over the years.

Following this action Chairman Southwick requested Floyd Barnett to review problems he encountered during his 1964 administration.

Mr. Barnett stated he appreciated being commissioner and enjoyed serving the users this year. He felt definite progress had been made and river distribution was improving in reasonable accuracy.

He reported on a problem that had given him considerable concern with reference to distribution of water to the Plain City Canal and the Upper Glub Canal. Apparently this distribution had been on the basis of 8/9 and 1/9, which was not in keeping with the decree, but information indicated that it was in keeping with the findings of court action. No one seemed to be able to find the court action, as such, in spite of considerable research made by Mr. Barnett himself. In connection with this discrepancy Mr. Norsoth indicated his department would research the records to see what they might find in the court proceedings or otherwise, but in the meantime advised the commissioner to continue distribution as in the past until more accurate information was determined by the State Engineer's research. Mr. Griddle accepted the responsibility of checking this carefully to determine what procedure should be adopted for future deliveries.

Mr. Barnett stated a better plan of distributing water from the power tail race by constructing proper diversion structures was badly needed. In reply to questions Mr. Barnett indicated that the responsibility for such distribution would primarily rest with the users themselves. It was determined that the water users association at an early date should determine by research steps to be taken to resolve this problem submitted by the commissioner. Mr. Harvey Stone asked if the power company had any responsibility to install a proper distribution device at the tail race. This was not answered directly because no one was in a position to make a final determination, but the association accepted responsibility to follow through to see which entities would be involved in construction of such a distribution system facility.

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Mr. Norseth informed the group that he was being considered for another job which, if accepted, would remove him from being a water commissioner after the 1966 season. He was fully of the opinion, however, that he could finish this particular operational year.

Chairman Southwick accepted the chair and opened the meeting for questions from the water users. There were none and the meeting was turned over to Mr. Norseth who expressed appreciation for the presence of those in attendance and for the reports given.

MEETING ADJOURNED.